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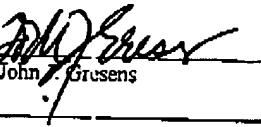
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Title:	MANUFACTURING PROCESS FOR AN AUTOMOBILE VEHICLE DOOR, AND THE CORRESPONDING DOOR		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to Examiner Strimbu (fax no. 703-872-9327) on October 11, 2002.

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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is filed simultaneously herewith, in which entry of the after final amendments filed on March 26, 2002, April 16, 2002, and July 11, 2002 has been requested. Applicant presents the following additional remarks prior to initial examination.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on October 4, 2002 with Applicant's representative, James Larson. During the interview, a draft claim sent to the Examiner by facsimile on September 25, 2002 was discussed. The Examiner suggested that the language "said frame is connected to said fixed window panel at only the inner surface of said fixed window panel" be kept in the claim, and that detailed arguments be submitted explaining how this language is supported by the original disclosure. Although no agreement was reached concerning allowability of claims, the Examiner's assistance during the interview is appreciated.

Applicant's response filed on March 26, 2002, which has been entered with the RCE filed herewith, included new claims 42 and 48 that recite "said frame is connected to said fixed

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window panel at only the inner surface of said fixed window panel". This language is supported by the original disclosure. For example, the frame 221 was originally described as being fitted on the inside face (facing the inside of the vehicle) surrounds the window (page 7, lines 11-13). Further, the description indicates that there is no visible external frame (page 7, line 17). Further, the frame 221 is described as being an "inner frame 221" (page 7, line 19). Further, the upper part of the door is disclosed as having a frame on its inner face (page 13, lines 1-3; claim 4).

Based upon the original disclosure, the frame fitted on the inside face (facing the inside of the vehicle) together with the disclosure that there is no visible external frame, supports the language that the frame is connected to the fixed window panel at only the inner surface of the fixed window panel. If the frame were connected to the edge of the panel or to a portion of the exterior surface, then a portion of the frame would be visible externally. However, the specification indicates that there is no visible external frame.

Therefore, the language in question is supported by the original disclosure.

With respect to the issue of the substitute specification, the substitute specification originally filed on March 26, 2002 and again on July 11, 2002 has been entered with the RCE filed herewith. In addition, on April 11, 2002, Applicant filed a new Figure 4 and a figure description therefore, with a request that the substitute specification be amended to include the new figure description. The April 11, 2002 is also to be entered with the RCE, and Applicant requests that the amendments to the specification in the April 11, 2002 amendment be entered into the substitute specification.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes that this patent application is in immediate condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be resolved over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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